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FEDERAL BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOANS

EPA began accepting proposals for federal year 2001 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots on October 11. These pilots may be funded up to \$1,000,000 to test cleanup and redevelopment planning models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers, and to facilitate coordinated public and private environmental cleanup and redevelopment. EPA expects to select up to 35 pilots by March 2001. Proposals must be postmarked by December 18, 2000, and duplicate copies sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters and to the EPA Regional Office, ATTN: Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Coordinator. Eligible entities are states, political subdivisions, or federally recognized tribes that have established and can demonstrate progress made in assessment, cleanup and revitalization of brownfields. Coalitions of eligible entities may apply, with a single entity identified as the applicant. A letter of support from each coalition member must be included. Applicants must demonstrate (1) a commitment to brownfields; (2) ability to manage a revolving loan fund and environmental cleanups; (3) a need for cleanup funds; (4) commitment to making loans and to leveraging EPA funds with public-private partnerships and in-kind services (matching funds are not required); and (5) a clear plan for sustaining the environmental protection and related economic development activities initiated through the pilot program. Proposals will be selected on a competitive basis and assessed under the criteria outlined in revised guidelines, The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (September 2000). Guidelines can be obtained by on the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#guide> or by calling the Superfund Hotline at 1-800-424-9346. Further information may be obtained from Barbara Bassuener (202) 260-9347 or Jennifer Millett Wilbur (202) 260-6454.

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